

Call for Proposals: KPU's Fourth Annual Anti-Racism Symposium

When: March 23, 2026: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: KPU Surrey, Conference Centre

KPU's Task Force on Anti-Racism released its [final report](#) with 64 recommendations in October 2022. One of the recommendations is to "Establish an 'Anti-Racism at KPU' Day to have an annual full-day symposium to discuss and encourage confronting racism and to share internal and external research, scholarship, and creativity on racism/anti-racism."

Following up on this recommendation, KPU's Office of Equity and Inclusive Communities is excited to build on the success of the past three symposiums and host the fourth annual symposium to be held on March 23, 2026 to align with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Students, faculty, and staff members across KPU are encouraged to submit proposals showcasing research, scholarship, and creativity focused on anti-racism topics and initiatives. Please submit proposals that will appeal to a broad range of interests and audiences, including faculty, students, staff, and members of the public.

Creative and artistic expressions (paintings, photos, etc.) on the topic are also welcome; they will be displayed throughout the day.

We are particularly interested in submissions that showcase collaborative undertakings with students and the transformative impact that involvement in anti-racist initiatives can have on the quality of students' educational experience. We welcome submissions focused on innovative research methods, non-traditional approaches, research-creation, Indigenous ways of knowing, and more.

Presentations should be no longer than **10-15 minutes** allowing ample time for question-and-answer period.

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee formed by the Office of Equity and Inclusive Communities, which may suggest revisions to the presentation's title (for marketing purposes, for example), focus, and/or format to ensure accessibility and broad appeal.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Anti-racist approaches to teaching
- Racism/anti-racism in the classroom
- Anti-racist ways of knowing
- Anti-Indigenous racism in academia and/or beyond
- Anti-Black racism in academia and/or beyond
- Anti-Asian racism in academia and/or beyond
- Role of art and creativity in fostering anti-racism

Proposals should include:

1. Your name(s) and department(s)/unit(s)
2. A brief and engaging title (please keep these shorter in length for marketing purposes/posters)
3. A short description (three sentences max) of the topic and how it will appeal to a broad, non-specialist audience (this description may be used for marketing purposes)
4. A paragraph description (up to 250 words) that outlines:
 - a. the topic
 - b. how the presentation will engage a non-specialist audience, including members of the public
5. Consent to have your presentation live streamed, video recorded and showcased on KPU platforms

Please note that priority will be given to those who have not presented at our previous symposiums.

Proposals due: Monday, February 2, 2026

Email proposals or questions to: oeic@kpu.ca